

Law is like atmosphere; it penetrates into every secret fastness whither it is difficult to follow it. For example, the burning to death of the Stiner family while asleep in their own house in New York city must yet be remembered. Well, it has come now to be a question vital to the settlement of the estate whether the wife or the daughter of the deceased Stiner lived the longer after his death. We really don't see how the point can be settled otherwise than by means of a communication from the other world—which the lawyers wouldn't trust.

We have had occasion to praise the Tribune so often that we are more displeased to see its palpable slight of the Curand in its notes of summer travel. It has two and a half columns under the heading of "The Summer Exodus," in which it gives the fullest particulars of all steamship lines except the Curand. Now the Curand line is the oldest established, and is considered the safest, although it has the decided drawback, in American eyes at least, of a tendency to slowness. No newspaper whose sole purpose it is to give full particulars on such a subject could have failed to note the existence of the Curand line, nor have unintentionally omitted it. Perhaps it doesn't advertise.

The World in speaking of Dubuque's painting of "The Prodigal Son," now on exhibition in Philadelphia, says "In all generations of men there have been prodigals, deservingly punished, and even repentant sons as well as stern but forgiving fathers. Hence Dubuque cannot be censured for indulging, like Paul Veronese and Rubens, in certain anachronisms in costume and architecture, in order to lend impressiveness and brilliant colors to his presentation of a theme of universal and perpetual interest." In which the World is quite right; it is not as we understand it, the purpose of art merely to reproduce and continue natural forms and historical facts by an intense realism, but to put on canvas and in marble the ethics or soul of things. Art has a perpetual license to improve on nature and to adjust history—and fails of its mission unless it does this.

CURRENT TOPICS.

—There don't seem to be much livelihood of the new finance bill being passed.

—We protest against this: Sumner's portrait is to be put on a shipmaster!

—Governor Dix takes a walk of four or five miles every day. Is he in training for a match with young Bennett?

—Bennett's pedestrian feat as "good an advertising dodge as the Herald has attempted in a long while."

—The Downings and Douglasses at Washington are quarrelling so they get fairly black in the face over it. This won't do; there must be unity among the colored troops.

—The new party in Illinois won't go back on Grant's vote. Whatever the party amounts to, it must be conceded it has sensible leaders at the start.

—Dr. Sabine is a success after all, at least if money determines, and it generally does. His powers went in a lively way at good prices.

—The Centennial still continues to occupy Congress. This is a fine chance for buncombe, but we hope Congress will resist its besetting sin.

—Secretary Reuben has really developed an idea. He favors the purchase of steamers for carrying the mail, instead of subsidizing the Pacific Mail Company.

—New York ladies are making themselves ridiculous over Capote, the new tenor. They carpet the stage with flowers, and watch at the stage-door for him to smile on them.

—The young folks will be sorry to hear that Hans Christian Andersen is in very poor health and unable to write any more. He has made many delightful hours for the little ones.

—A Kalamazoo widow has the photograph of her three departed husbands in a group, with a vignette of herself in the centre, and underneath the inscription: "The Lord will provide." Provide a fourth, she probably means.

—The New York Herald foresees the advent of a great many new men in politics. This would be a decided improvement. Let the new men hurry up. New York is the place of New Jersey, a new man, and he inclines us to call for more.

—A twice-married woman has applied for alimony from the second husband, from whom she was divorced. As this will be the second lot of alimony she will receive, she is certainly doing a very good business. If she keeps on she will have as big an income as Senator Jones.

—Charles Sumner's vignette is being engraved to go on a coin. Something like naming your dog after your grandfather.

—Springfield Republican.

—Chaffin, the actor, is endeavoring to raise a fund for the prosecution of clergymen who assault the private character of the ladies of the stage.

—An unsophisticated rural Pennsylvania journal thinks it "rather mean in Congress to hesitate about giving \$50,000 towards the Centennial, when it has every convenience for printing the money."

—A Vermont preacher recently asked his congregation to pray for the editor of the local paper. The editor had his revenge by sending in to the preacher a bill for thirteen years' subscription and a large amount of advertising.

—A haggard-looking person stuck his head in at the city editor's door yesterday morning and said: "Beautiful son—," when a paper weight took him between the eyes, and he rolled on down stairs, saying "O-o-o-h!" at every bump. —Ohio State Journal.

—Madame Nilsson-Rouzeau and her husband, and Mr. and Mrs. Florence, are among the national divinity of Europe, and then demanded her sacrifices than it turned out to be for the good of his devotees to make.

—Mr. Frye of Maine thinks the eagle was never more admirable than at the present moment of his high career, and that the snows of the winter just passed into oblivion still more brightly upon the summits of the Sierras than does the silver hoarfrost of the hundred years upon the crown of the feathered grand old of our forest. Mr. Frye mentioned this fact to his patriotic peers in the House when the question came up of giving the \$5,000,000 to help build a tower like that of Babel as to elevation and grandeur, that the eagle might light upon it in full view of the assembled hosts of his admirers. Waxing warm and eloquent with his address, the gentleman from Maine reminded the representative Americans who lent him their ears, as plant hunters bend to a rushing torrent, that Empereors, Kings, potentates and Princes had been invited from afar to witness the bird clothed in the full regalia of his office, with his eyes undimmed and his natural strength unabated. Could they, the lawmakers, or we, the people, humiliate our lives so unbecomingly as to notify what Jefferson called the "powers of the earth" that we were too poor to erect a worthy temple and give the incarnate symbol of our greatness a glorious sacred presence? In should we do this thing, avowed the orator from the pluses, where thereafter would it be possible for us to take the commonest carcass of our disgrace, or where first of all, enough to stuff our ears against the shrieks of satiric laughter which would burst from the thrones and gilded saloons of Europe and the

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